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Fiscal Analysis Memorandum

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RE: House Bill 343 (PCS)

SUMMARY TABLE

FISCAL IMPACT OF H.B.343, V.PCS

	FY 2019-20	FY 2020-21	FY 2021-22	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24
State Impact					
General Fund Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Less Expenditures	800	800	800	800	800
General Fund Impact	(800)	(800)	(800)	(800)	(800)
NET STATE IMPACT	(\$800)	(\$800)	(\$800)	(\$800)	(\$800)

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY

This bill allows the Legislative Services Officer to conduct criminal history record checks on prospective employees, volunteers, and contractors of the General Assembly. The estimated costs associated with this bill are \$800 per year.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

The criminal history record of prospective General Assembly staff, volunteers, and contractors may be provided by the Department of Public Safety (DPS). DPS may charge a fee to offset the costs associated with conducting the record check. The fee is limited to the actual costs of collecting the required information.

Over the last five calendar years, an average of 32 new full time employees have been hired at the General Assembly. This analysis assumes that average trend will continue over the next five years. Currently, the General Assembly pays for access to the Criminal Justice Law Enforcement Automated Data Services (CJLEADS) program for background checks for General Assembly police officers. Therefore, CJLEADS can be accessed for background check purposes with no additional cost to the General Assembly. Fingerprinting is not part of CJLEADS and will have a cost of \$25 per individual, which includes \$15 for a fingerprint scan and \$10 for two printed records to be kept on file. Assuming an average of 32 new employees being fingerprinted per year at \$25 per person, the

additional costs to the General Assembly will be \$800 per year to implement this bill. These expenses can be absorbed within the current operating budget of the General Assembly.

This analysis does not account for costs associated with background checks for volunteers as there are currently no active volunteers at the General Assembly. Contractors are not included in this analysis as current General Assembly practice is to require vendors to provide background checks on their own employees.

TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A.

DATA SOURCES

NC General Assembly

FISCAL ANALYSIS MEMORANDUM - PURPOSE AND LIMITATIONS

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